

Livable and Senior-Friendly Community Planning
Task Force

Buncombe County Aging Coordinating Consortium

Community Survey



Q WHY?

A Because Buncombe County is committed to identifying, assessing, and responding to the needs and interests of diverse older adults, baby boomers, and family caregivers.

Q WHAT is a “livable and senior-friendly community”?

A A community that:

- Addresses basic needs,
- Optimizes physical and mental health and well-being,
- Promotes civic and social engagement, and
- Maximizes independence for older adults.

Q WHAT does the Aging Plan cover?

A The Aging Plan has six components:

1. Housing, Transportation & the Environment
2. Health and Wellness
3. Financial Well-being
4. Safety and Security
5. Social Engagement
6. Service and Support Coordination

Q WHO should complete this survey?

A Any person who is age 55+ and anybody else interested in a livable and senior-friendly Buncombe County.

Your Input Matters!
Please Complete This Survey Today!

Please Return by October 31, 2007 to:

Christina Giles
Land-of-Sky Regional Council
25 Heritage Drive
Asheville, NC 28806

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or The Council on Aging of Buncombe County, Inc. at: 828-277-8288 (ask for Ali Climo)

Using your experience please rate the **existence**, **adequacy**, and **accessibility** of the following services for **older adults** age 60+ using the scale provided. Please use the “Comments” section to explain your rating.

1 = Poor

2 = Needs Improvement

3 = Satisfactory

4 = Excellent

HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT		
	Rating	Comments
Range of housing options for older adults.		
Availability of affordable housing for older adults.		
Transportation options for older adults.		
Air quality.		

HEALTH AND WELLNESS		
	Rating	Comments
Affordable health care for older adults, including adequate insurance coverage.		
Fitness and wellness activities for older adults.		
Mental health services for older adults.		
Dental care for older adults.		

FINANCIAL WELLBEING		
	Rating	Comments
Assistance for older adults with financial planning/money management.		
Job training/employment opportunities for older adults		
Assistance for older adults and their families in planning for long term care.		

Background Information

These questions will help us in reporting the results of this survey. Please feel free to skip any question you are not comfortable answering.

1. What is your zip code? _____

2. Do you live within the city limits of Asheville? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. What is your age category?

☐ under 55 ☐ 55 – 64 ☐ 65 – 74 ☐ 75 – 84 ☐ 85+

4. What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female

5. Which category best describes your race/ethnicity?

☐ Caucasian/White ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
☐ African American/Black ☐ Native American/Native Alaskan
☐ Hispanic/Latino(a) ☐ Other (please specify) _____

6. Which category best describes your living arrangement?

☐ Living alone
☐ Living with spouse/partner, roommate, friend, and/or family
☐ Other _____

7. Are you currently providing any care for an older adult? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. In general, would you say your health is:

☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Thank you for participating in this community survey!

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